



News

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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of February 26 thru March 4, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 790 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

ONE-SIDED PARKING – Saint Paul has had to declare our first–ever snow parking ban so that fire trucks and ambulances can get to emergency scenes. With all the snow we've gotten and no melting, the residential streets have become impassable for emergency vehicles when cars are parked on both side of the street. This ban will remain in effect until lifted. Here are the rules:

- Parking is allowed on the ODD side of RESIDENTIAL streets, only.
- Non-residential and arterial streets are EXEMPT, except that some non-residential streets have also become so narrow that they have been POSTED No Parking.
- For more information and an interactive street map so you can see how this might effect you, go to www.stpaul.gov/snow.



Check out all the room on the street that fire trucks and engines need at a working fire scene.

ROLL OVER - On February 26 at 11:50 a.m. on I-94 and Dale Street a 24 year old man was involved in a single vehicle roll over. Paramedics transported him to a nearby hospital.

DUCTWORK FIRE - On February 28 at 2:59 a.m. on the 190 block of Minnehaha Avenue East fire companies were dispatched to a report of a ductwork fire at a recycling plant. They arrived to find the majority of the fire had been extinguished by building staff using fire extinguishers. The fire companies performed overhaul and hit hot spots at the top of the dryer duct system. Damage is estimated at \$11,000. There were no injuries.

GRINDING WHEEL FIRE - On February 28 at 5:41 a.m. on the 800 block of Forest Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a fire in a grinding booth. They arrived to find visible flames showing from a grinding booth in the center of the building. A worker was grinding on a table in the grinding booth when the sparks ignited a filter located at the rear of the booth, extended upward and intensified. The workers attempted to extinguish the fire with a fire extinguisher without success. Damage is estimated at \$12,000. No injuries. There were no fire sprinklers.

DWELLING FIRE - On March 1 at 12:35 p.m. on the 1400 block of Edmund Avenue fire companies were called to a report of smoke coming from a dwelling. Upon arrival they found smoke and flames coming from the second floor unit. The fire spread through numerous void spaces in the walls and ceilings into the attic where it was stopped. This fire remains under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$130,000.



Firefighters fought a stubborn fire in a vacant duplex as the fire spread through the walls and ceilings into the attic.

CARELESS SMOKING – On March 2 at 2:54 p.m. on the 600 block of Chatsworth Street North fire companies extinguished a fire that was caused by an occupant who fell asleep while smoking. Damage is estimated at \$90,000.

- **Careless smoking is still the leading cause of the *deaths* in Minnesota.**

DRYER FIRE - On March 2 at 7:54 p.m. on the 800 block of Arkwright Street fire companies extinguished a fire inside a dryer. The fire started inside the dryer lint area. Damage is estimated at \$600.

CARELESS SMOKING – On March 3 at 8:20 p.m. on the 1700 block of Stanford Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a report of a chair on fire in a basement with the fire already out. Upon arrival, they found the fire was extinguished but there was smoke in the basement that they ventilated. There were no working smoke detectors in the basement. They were given smoke detectors. Damage is estimated at \$500.

ARSON – On March 4 at 12:49 a.m. on the 1000 block of Atlantic Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival they found a fully involved vehicle fire and quickly extinguished it. Damage is estimated at \$2,000.

ROLL OVER - On March 4 at 8:30 on I-35E and Maryland a 53 year old woman was involved in a single vehicle rollover. She reported that was driving at a normal rate of speed and hit black ice. Paramedics treated and transported to a nearby hospital.